Compost produced through Town Municipalities and Village Panchyets.

Q.—850. Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (St. Johan's Hill):—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quality of compost produced during 1954-55 through Town Municipalities and Village Panchayets;

(*b*) the quantity produced during 1952-53 and 1953-54 ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 65,000 tons.

(*b*) 59,790 tons during 1952-53.
61,845 tons during 1953-54.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS. Does the Government consider that this output of compost for the whole State can be considered satisfactory ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—We have not assessed whether the tonnage now produced will be sufficient to meet the requirements of our agricultural classes. But anyhow this is the quantity that is now available and produced by various Town Municipalities and Corporation.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.— My question was, does the Government consider that for the whole State this quantity of compost produced is considered satisfactory by them as a result of the compost scheme taken five years back. Do you think that this progress is satisfactory ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It is not enough to meet the requirements of all the villages, but individual farmers have also compost manure to meet their requirements.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now the question is whether the Compost Scheme taken up by the Municipalities is satisfactorily working.

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—To a great extent it is working satisfactorily.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—What are the difficulties in the way of producing more compost in the State ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—How can it be produced more, Sir ? Whatever waste is available it is turned into compost and that will be used for agricultural purposes.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—For the whole State the quantity produced amounts to 65,000 tons. Can I believe it, Sir ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It is not enough to meet the requirements of the farmers, but unless the people co-operate in this behalf, it is not possible to produce more manure.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Which is the Department that is in charge of this kind of work, Sir ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—There is an officer by name Bio-Chemist, Compost Scheme, Bangalore.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Under whose charge is this Department, Sir ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It is under the Agricultural Department.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS. -Is he sending up periodical reports to the Government about the progress of work done ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I believe he is sending. But my information is that the Department is getting these statistics regularly.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—When the Department is in charge of the Agriculture Department, why is the Minister for Public Health replying instead of the Minister for Agriculture ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Because the question relates to Municipalities, therefore, I am answering.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಅನಂತರಾಮಣ್.—ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ ಗಳಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸಾಲ ಕೊಟ್ಟು compost manure ಮಾಡಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಮೊದಲು compost scheme ಬಂದಾಗ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೇ ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ಸಬ್ಸಿಡಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಎರಡನೆಯ ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಶೇಕಡ 50 ರಷ್ಟು ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು, ಮತ್ತು ಶೇಕಡ 50 ರಷ್ಟನ್ನು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೂ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದಾಯಿತು. ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೇ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದಿದೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಅನಂತರಾಮಣ್.—ಈಗ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಸಬ್ಸಿಡಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸಾಲವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಸಬ್ಸಿಡಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಅನಂತರಾಮಣ್.—ಎಷ್ಟು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚೆನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ನೋಟೀಸ್.